

In re Patent Application of:

PAVEL SEBOR

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Remarks

Applicant and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts and guidance in the examination of this application, for the allowance of claims 1-37, and for the allowability of claims 44, 46, 47, and 51. Claims 1-38 and 41-54 remain in the case.

Independent claims 38 and its dependent claims 41-43, 45, 48-50, and 52-54 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,463,614 to Supra.

As discussed during the Telephonic Interview referenced above and as illustrated, by way of example, with reference to FIG. 2 of Supra '614, and Col 3, Lines 14-17, the periphery of the body (12) flexes slightly downwardly towards the submerged surface (50) as indicated by the dotted lines (52), a teaching away from the upwardly curved lower surface portion of the tongues. Further, Supra '614 teaches the non-radial formations (26) in contact with the submerged surface upon which the skirt (10) rests, a teaching away from the claimed invention regarding the reinforcing element of claim 38. Independent claim 38 is amended to more clearly describe the invention that distinguishes over known prior art. In addition, claims 38, 48, and 54 are amended to overcome the objections as guided by the examiner. No new matter is added by this amendment.

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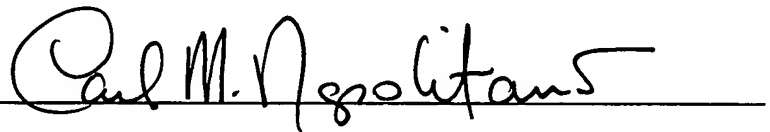
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Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place this application in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is solicited. The Applicant and the undersigned would like to again thank the Examiner for his efforts and guidance in the examination of this application. If the further prosecution of the application can be facilitated through telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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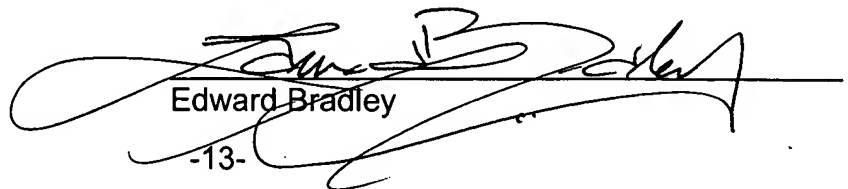
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